

Mississippi Forestry Commission & Mississippi Urban Forest Council Event Invitation



Urban Forestry and Green Infrastructure Conference plus the Annual Forestry Awards and Tree City USA

October 2-4, 2013
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
Jackson, MS

Wednesday, October 2 (9AM-5PM) – Thursday, October 3 (8:30-5),
Friday, October 4, (8:30- Noon)

The topics of this year's 26th annual conference are diverse including topics for today's housing, legal issues, insurance issues, storm preparedness and mitigation, canopy studies and how they benefit communities, community fruit orchards and other informative and timely topics.

Through a variety of progressive green practices you will learn ways to improve your community, your backyard, local housing, business and commercial areas. Learn how to create better places to live work and play with proven methods to enhance the health of not only the community but its citizens. Learn about partnerships, funding and other resources to implement projects. Learn about effective planning and collaboration to get the job done. Hosting some of the best nationally renowned speakers in the field will gather to share their wealth of knowledge and experience to help you improve your community, business or homes.

Full Agenda available by request at dyowell@aol.com

Topics for the event include:

- The Role of "Green" in Today's Housing- Rental, Low-Income, High-Income, Neighborhood Association and Quality Development
- **Community Orchards, Parks and Green Spaces**
- Grants and Other Valuable Resources
- Storm Preparedness and Mitigation
- Better Green Policy Development
- Policies and Funding That Works
- Insurance Issues and Trees

- Legal Issues and Trees
- Newest Approaches to Community Based Green Infrastructure
- Creating A Community Forestry Legacy
- Current Trends, Funding, Resources and Models

This year features a drawing to give away \$5,000 worth of community forestry resources including free trees, free training and other resources to one city represented by elected officials at the conference. Drawing held at Noon on October 4, 2013.

Keynote Speakers

Today's Housing- Nature Within Community Health and Well-being Sustainable Sites Initiative Nature and Our Lives Dr. Kathleen Wolf, University of Washington

Community greening benefits can be the basis for better partnerships with planners and public health professionals. There is extensive scientific knowledge about the health benefits of the human experience of nature. A project has summarized the extensive evidence of extensive socio-cultural benefits, and shares this information in series of summaries to help you. We will build on this resource to present guidelines for community planning that enhances nature based human health, well-being and economic success.

Dr. Kathleen Wolf is the nation's foremost research social scientist, located at the College of the Environment, University of Washington. She has a joint appointment with the USDA Forest Service to help develop the Green Cities Research Alliance. Kathy's research mission is to discover, understand, and communicate human behavior and benefits.

Storm Preparedness and Mitigation- Dr Buck Abbey, LSU and Dudley Hartel, US Forest Service
Dudley R. Hartel, Center Manager, Urban Forestry South, SRS-4952 Integrating Human & Natural Systems, Athens, Georgia

A discussion of a comprehensive risk management programs that can better support local management & disaster planning. Urban Forestry South is the Southern Region's urban & community forestry Technology Transfer Center which supports U&CF programs through state agencies and municipalities. This presentation will cover 10 steps outlined for better storm preparedness and mitigation.

Legal Issues - Gee Ogletree, Adams and Reese LLP

Insurance Issues – John Harris – Earth Advisors

Tree Canopy Study -Why It's Important and How To Use - Todd Matthews, MS Forestry Commission

Current Trends, Models, Resources and Funding – Alice Ewen, US Forest Service

Continuing Education Hours:

Elected officials, planners, foresters, arborist, parks & recreation, engineers, Master Gardeners, landscape architects, planners, Urban Forest Masters and others.



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**Registration Form
October 2-4, 2013**

Name: _____
Company/Organization: _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please Check appropriate Fee Option(s):

Full Registration (2 th -4 th):	\$95.00	\$ _____
Full Registration for MUFC Members:	\$75.00	\$ _____
MS Urban Forest Council Membership:	\$25.00	\$ _____
Exhibitor (2 th -4 th):	\$250.00	\$ _____
Students	\$25.00	\$ _____
Celebration of Trees, US Tree City Awards (7 th), October 2, 2013 @ Noon, MS Museum of Natural Science	\$20.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Mail this form with a check or P.O. to: Mississippi Urban Forest Council, 164 Trace Cove Drive, Madison, Mississippi 39110 (You may also request billing or pay at the door). Please register by September 15, 2013 or call to reserve your seat, limited seating.

Host Hotel:

Drury Hotels

\$90.00 Rate includes Full Breakfast and Evening Cocktail Hour.

Book before September 26, 2013

(Ask for group block – Mississippi Urban Forest Council. Registration code: 2184482)

Drury Hotel

610 East County Line Road

Ridgeland, MS

(601) 956-6100

(At the intersection of County Line and I-55)

**Invitation to Nominate for Award:
Awards Event- October 2, 2013
MS Museum of Natural Science – Noon**

Each year the Mississippi Urban Forest Council, in partnership with the Mississippi Forestry Commission and the USDA Forest Service recognizes and honors cities, businesses, civic groups, schools and others that have demonstrated success with community forestry and green infrastructure. We invite you to submit a nomination for the upcoming 2013 awards ceremony. This is a great way to promote locally driven work in your community. **Nomination deadline is September 15, 2013 and should be submitted via email.**

Award Categories:

Local Government	A. < 20,000 pop	B. > 20,000 pop
Tree City, USA	Individual	Urban Forest Master
Youth Group	Reforestation Award	Scenic Community of MS
Civic Organization	Certified Urban Forests	"Green" Mayor Award
Dedicated Communication	Partnership Award	Professional Urban Forester
Life Time Achievement	Commercial Development	Seedling Youth Award

How to Nominate:

Submit a one page summary with local press and photos supporting the work involved. Include all contact information. Submit to Donna Yowell at dyowell@aol.com or mail to 164 Trace Cove Drive, Madison, MS 39110. For more information call Donna at (601)672-0755.

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